

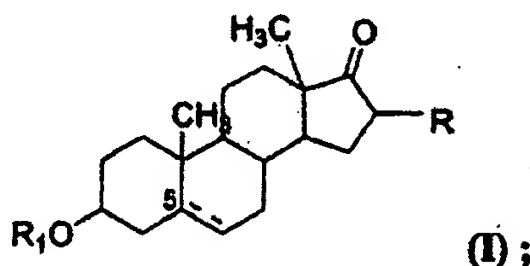
Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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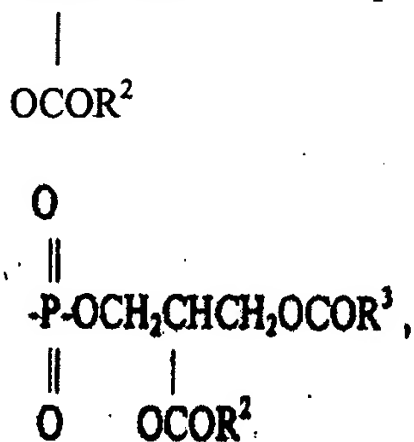
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1. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical or veterinary composition, comprising a carrier or diluent, a dehydroepiandrosterone, or pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable salts thereof, the dehydroepiandrosterone having the chemical formula



wherein the broken line represents a single or a double bond; R is hydrogen or a halogen; the H at position 5 is present in the alpha or beta configuration or the compound of chemical formula I comprises a racemic mixture of both configurations; and R¹ is hydrogen or SO₂OM, where M is selected from H, Na, sulfatide

-SO₂O-CH₂CHCH₂OCOR³; or phosphatide



wherein R² and R³, which may be the same or different, are straight or branched (C₁-C₁₄)

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